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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS REVIEW: OPPOSITION PARTY SUPPORTS
- SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN, WHILE GOVT ATTACKS
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1. (U) SUMMARY: CAIRO PRESS JANUARY 13 REPORTS NATIONAL
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PROGRESSIVE UNIONIST GROUP (NPUG) HAS ISSUED STATEMENT
SUPPORTING SOVIET INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN AND CON-
DEMNING US-PAKISTANI AGGRESSION (SEPTEL). STATEMENT
CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH CONTINUED GOE DENUNCIATIONS OF
SOVIET INVASION AND CALLS FOR ISLAMIC ACTION TO COUNTER
SOVIET THREAT. MINSTATE GHALI HAS ASKED SOVIET AMBASSADOR
TO SCALE DOWN USSR DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN EGYPT. ENO
SUMMARY

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2. (U) PRESS HIGHLIGHTS EGYPTIAN UN DEL STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT SOVIET INVASION THREATENS ALL NON-ALIGNED STATES, IN WHICH HE CALLED UPON UN TO PROTECT SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF ALL STATES. PAPERS CLAIM 300 AFGHAN MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED, AND QUOTE "US INTELLIGENCE SOURCES" AS PREDICTING SOVIETS ARE POISED TO MOVE INTO PAKISTAN IN PURSUIT OF FLEEING AFGHAN REVOLUTIONARIES. PAPERS EDITORIALIZE THAT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE SHUD BE COVENED IMMEDIATELY AT HEADS OF STATE LEVEL TO ADDRESS ISSUE. IN CONTRAST TO ABOVE, PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTS LEFTIST NPUG BACKING FOR SOVIET MOVE (SEPTTEL), AND SIMILAR STATEMENT WHICH REPORTEDLY WAS ISSUED BY PLO'S KADDUMI.

3. (U) ~~USSR~~ PAPERS NOTE MINSTATE GHALI YESTERDAY SUMMONED ~~SOVIET~~ AMBASSADOR TO ASK USSR TO SCALE DOWN SIZE OF ~~DIPLOMATIC~~ STAFF IN CAIRO. GHALI'S MOVE CAME AS RESULT OF ~~NDP~~ DIRECTIVE TO REDUCE SOVIET PRESENCE AS EXPRESSION OF EGYPTIAN OPPOSITION TO INVASION.

4. (U) ~~MUBARAK~~ AHRAM'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT REPORTS TWO-HOUR ~~MUBARAK~~ MUBARAK-KIM IL SUNG MEETING IN PYONGYANG FOCUSED ON ME AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. MUBARAK INVITED NORTH KOREAN LEADER TO VISIT EGYPT AND THANKED HIS LIMITED ~~OFFICIAL~~ USE LIMITED ~~OFFICIAL~~ USE

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HOSTS FOR ~~ASSISTANCE~~ IN 1973 WAR.

5. (U) ~~EGYPT~~ ISRAEL: (A) WEEKLY AL-SIYASSI REPORTS AMB-DESIGNATE ~~MURTADA~~ MURTADA WILL PRESENT LETTER OF RESERVATION ON JERUSALEM WHEN HE PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO GOI. (B) SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY WEEKLY AL SHAAB CHASTISES PM BEGIN FOR FAILING TO CARRY OUT TREATY PROVISIONS. SLP LEADER ~~ISRAELI~~ SHUKRI REPEATS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS HINGES ON RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO ESTABLISH STATE AND ~~END~~ TO NEGATIVE ISRAELI ACTIONS SUCH AS SETTLEMENTS OR ELECTRIC COMPANY TAKEOVER. (C) SIMILARLY, WEEKEND PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTED THAT PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE HAS ASKED GOVERNMENT TO INSURE THAT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BE IN LINE WITH STEPS TOWARD ACHIEVING COMPREHENSIVE ME PEACE. (D) PAPERS NOTE MINSTATE GHALI MET YESTERDAY WITH AMBS ABDUL LATIF AND ABDUL RAZAK TO PLOT STRATEGY FOR UPCOMING WORKING GROUP SESSION OF AUTDNOMY NEGOTIATIONS.

6. (LOU) IN HIGHLY UNUSUAL MOVE, GOMHURIYYA JANUARY 12 CARRIED LONG ARTICLE BY MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD SPOKESMAN OMAR TALMASANI IN WHICH HE CLAIMED ONLY ISLAMIC CONFERENCE CAN SAVE AFGHANISTAN. TALMASANI ARGUED SOVIETS INVADED AFGHANISTAN BECAUSE OF THEIR OIL NEEDS, OUT OF FEARS OF ISLAMIC REVIVAL, AS RESULT AFGHANISTAN'S STRATEGIC POSITION, AND BECAUSE THEY ARE CONCERNED OVER



INCREASING US MILITARY STRENGTH. TO MAINTAIN BALANCE,
TALMASANI CRITICIZED US FOR UNDERMINING REGIONAL STA-
BILITY AND OPPOSING ISLAM. TALMASANI CONCLUDED ONLY
MUSLIMS CAN SAVE AFGHANISTAN. (COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST
IKHWANI STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN NATIONAL PRESS IN MANY
YEARS. WE ASSUME IT APPEARED ONLY BECAUSE TALMASANI'S
VIEW ON THE NEED FOR ISLAMIC ACTION REFLECTS GDE POLICY.
END COMMENT.) ATHERTON

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